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you, the people in the 35th District and I will explain to you how I see this tyranny of tax. This Legislature, at this time, is attempting to move a \$2 cost on the manufacture of license plates from the sales and income tax of which you, the people in the 35th District, are paying your share and we are moving that expense from the sales, income tax to the cost or to the tax or to the fee that is placed on the license plate directly. There is no extra spending of the money and there is no tyranny in my mind in changing this to a \$2 more fee to be paid directly by the automobile owner. There is not new money. There is no skullduggery. There is nothing hidden. Your representative, Ralph Kelly of the 35th District, understands this bill.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think we have had enough discussion. I move the previous question.

SPEAKER: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Debate has ceased. Senator Keyes, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, very shortly, I am not going to make a lot of talk. Senator Kelly, if Senator Kelly listens, exemplified exactly how Senator Kelly operates, bringing it from \$15.50 to \$17.50 is no new tax. I don't know where that two bucks is. I don't know what it is because it isn't a new tax. It must be a contribution to a good cause. Senator Stahmer, I met with him one day last week and he said, Orval, the biggest mistake I made in Lincoln was when I gave Senator Warner and Senator Marvel my bill to cut the income tax two points. Without a public hearing, remind you, without a public hearing, we cut the income tax two points. Today we stand on the threshold of another increase because a year ago without a public hearing we increased it. Now all I ask is that this bill, if you do not kill it, go back for a public hearing because under no circumstances, whether Senator Kelly believes this or not, am I going to put \$2 more on the people of this state as a gift to the state of Nebraska for buying a license. Thank you.

SPEAKER: The question is, shall LB 69 be indefinitely postponed? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 24 nays to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Motion fails.

CLERK: There are two more motions on the desk, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The Clerk will read. The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.